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Attachment No. 1 - A one-page report which describes a ferry observed south of Someri Island.

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Attachment No. 2 - A one-page report, with two sketches, which describes the Soviet submarine [redacted] sighted at N 60-02, E 27-11, and the Soviet merchant vessel PEREKOP, undergoing repairs at Leningrad.

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Attachment No. 3 - A one-page report which tells of proposals to expand a quay at Leningrad to accommodate tourist liners.

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Attachment No. 4 - A three-page report, with seven sketches, which describe Soviet naval vessels sighted, an oil tank installation, a grain elevator, and depth soundings in Leningrad harbor.

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Attachment No. 5 - A <sup>two</sup> one-page report containing information on naval vessels observed, including submarine [redacted] and rumors of two icebreakers of 40,000 horsepower each under construction at the naval shipyard at Leningrad.

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Attachment No. 6 - A two-page report on naval vessel sightings, which include submarines [redacted] and surface vessel [redacted] the port of Leningrad was busier than it had been earlier, as demonstrated by the speed of loading. No unusual materiel or cargo was seen [redacted]

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Attachment No. 7 - A one-page report, with a sketch, which describes Soviet vessels

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Attachment No. 8 - A two-page report, with nine sketches, which describes Soviet naval vessels observed in Leningrad and Kronshtadt, and harbor dredging near the Baltic Shipyard. The dredging was to form a basin for use of large vessels to turn around in. Vessels observed include submarine and surface vessels

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Information From the USSR.

Area: Leningrad.

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CAR AND PASSENGER FERRY:

an inbound

tugboat towing a white-painted ferry, in a position south of SOMMARS.

Description of the ferry:

Tonnage about 700 - 800; very high, with a <sup>low, broad funnel</sup> ~~white~~ painted ~~white~~ white with a red band. The ferry is believed to be a combination car and passenger ferry; it appeared to be quite modern.

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Information From the USSR.

Area: Leningrad.

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1. NAVY:

[redacted] in a position 60 degrees, 02 minutes North by 27 degrees, 11 minutes East, a submarine was seen surfaced [redacted], steering a course of 243 degrees.

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Description:

[redacted] color, gray-green; rounded bow; length, about 7 times the conning tower; double barreled antiaircraft gun aft of the tower. (Sketch No 1).

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Opposite the grain quay, a merchant vessel was laid up for repairs.

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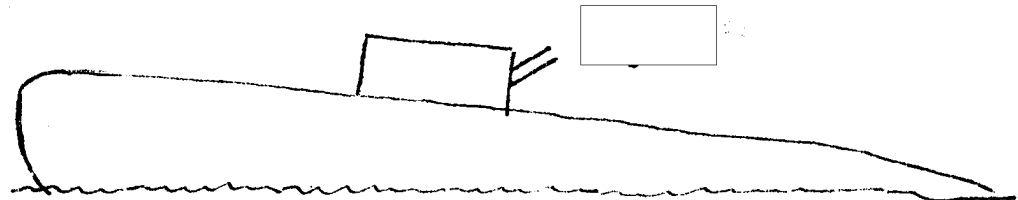
Name: "PEREKOP," tonnage, about 8,000; 4 hatches. Large rectangular windows, 1 by 0.5 meters, had been cut out of the ship's side; they had been lined with wooden frames. At the after side of hatch 2, a larger hole had been cut. (See sketch No 2).

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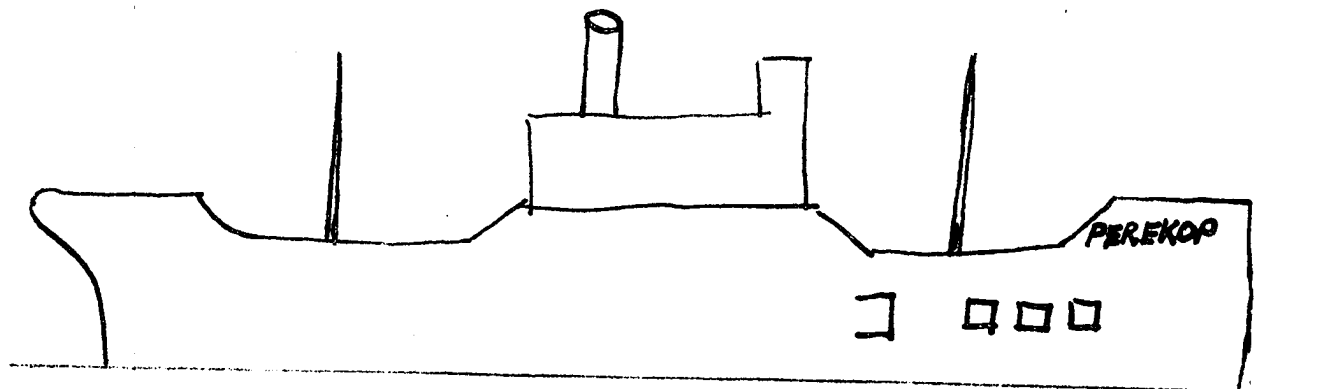
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Area: Leningrad.

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Time: [redacted]  
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1. NAVY:

In the outer basin (COMMERCIAL HARBOUR) at KRONSTADT, 10 -  
12 submarines of various sizes were seen lying at small <sup>piers.</sup> [redacted].  
The submarines were observed for only a brief period and from a  
point almost directly astern; it is therefore impossible to give  
a detailed description. Aside from these, the "OCTOBER REVOLUTION",  
and other old vessels, no other naval vessels were seen at KRONSTADT.  
No <sup>at</sup> naval vessels were seen in the GULF of FINLAND or/ LENINGRAD.

2. THE HARBOR:

[redacted] the harbor at LENINGRAD was to be ex-  
panded by a quay to accommodate large "tourist liners". The quay  
was to be extended west of the BALTIC shipyard, presumably opposite  
BOLSHOI PROSPEKT.

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Attachment # 4

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1. NAVY:

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[redacted] from a position 59 degrees, 28 minutes North by 23 degrees East, saw 10 naval vessels about 4 nautical miles to the north. The vessels were steering a course of 250 degrees, true bearing.

Description: Sketch No 1, nationality unknown, no further details.

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[redacted] in a position 59 degrees, 41 minutes North by 24 degrees, 07 minutes East, [redacted] a naval vessel which was proceeding on various courses at various speeds.

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Description: Sketch No 2 [redacted]

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[redacted] in a position 59 degrees, 44 minutes North by 24 degrees, 24 minutes East, 13 "torpedo boats and minelayers" were seen.

Description: The nearest ones had [redacted] old type, 1 funnel, apparently armed with 3 guns, no further details.

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[redacted] off KRONSTADT [redacted] passed 2 submarines.

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Description: Sketch No 3 [redacted]

A "minelayer" was seen in the same place on the same day.

Description: [redacted] 2 funnels.

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While passing KRONSTADT [redacted] the following vessels were seen:

a. Some "torpedo boats" [redacted]

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b. A medium-sized cruiser, [redacted] 2 funnels.

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c. In the roads outside, a small "torpedo boat" moored to  
a buoy. [redacted] one funnel.

d. A submarine in the roadstead. Description: Sketch No 4.

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e. A small "torpedo boat" [redacted] one funnel.

[redacted]  
[redacted] 4 or 5 submarines were seen between NARVI and  
HOGGLAND. The submarines were sighted at a great distance; they  
were sailing at great speed in surface position.

## 2. OIL TANKERS.

Farthest in at the southern mole in Leningrad, there is a  
small tank installation; sketch No 5 shows the location of the tanks.

There are 2 small wooden piers, in poor condition, [redacted] close to  
the 3 tanks at the left <sup>on</sup> the sketch. Each pier is equipped with  
a [redacted] hose about 6 inches in diameter. [redacted] only the  
first one was in use. The distance between and including the two  
piers was about 60 feet.

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### Elevator

3. The Grain [redacted] (located about half way through the MORSKOY CANAL):

The quay is probably about 1,000 feet long, a wooden quay in  
very poor condition, repaired a little here and there. There are  
11 loading chutes for grain, of which the first 3 and the last 3  
were not being used (possibly out of order ?)

## 4. THE KANONERSKI SHIPYARD:

[redacted] 4 large Soviet merchant vessels undergoing repairs.

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## 5. THE HARBOR:

Enclosed are copies of 2 echograms with designation of some  
landmarks. Soundings were taken with the Hughes sonic depth finder,

[redacted] Times are given. Dredging work was going

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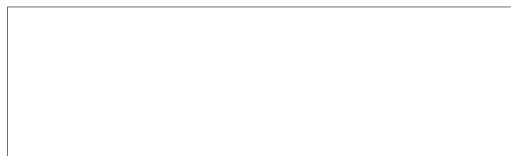
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on where the quay for tourist ships was to be constructed (west  
of the BALTIC Shipyard.)

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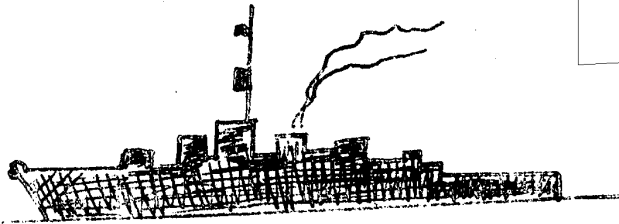
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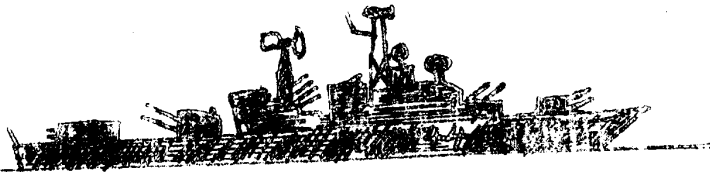
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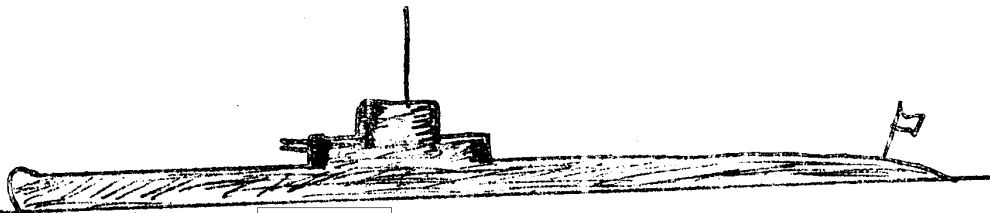
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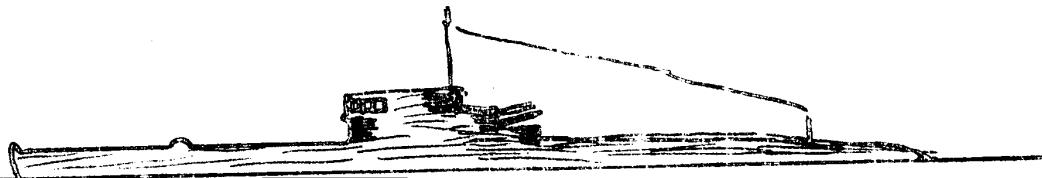
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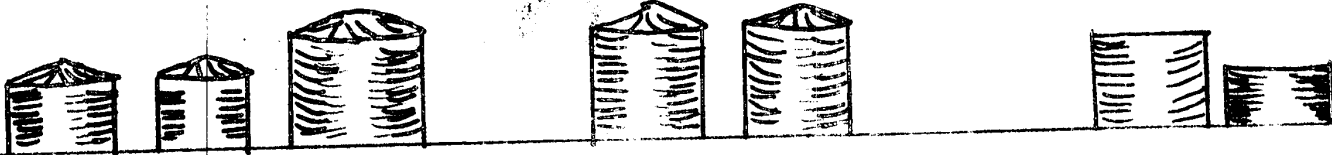
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Information From the Soviet Union.

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Area: LENINGRAD.Time:1. NAVY.

[redacted] a submarine passed in a position 60 degrees, 05 minutes North by 37 degrees, 13 minutes East. The submarine followed a 280-degree course, which shortly thereafter was changed to 85 degrees. The speed was about 12 knots.

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[redacted] a naval vessel was observed in a position 60 degrees, 11 minutes North, by 27 degrees, 55 minutes East. The vessel was steering a course of 100 degrees. The distance to the vessel was very great, and no details other than 2 masts and 2 funnels could be seen.

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[redacted] a naval vessel was passed in a position 59 degrees, 27 minutes, 30 seconds North by 23 degrees, 43 minutes, 50 <sup>seconds</sup> East. The vessel, which carried <sup>the lights of</sup> [redacted] at a merchant vessel, steered a course of 071 degrees [redacted] a speed of 18 knots.

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Description:

Length about 60 feet, 2 funnels and 2 masts. About 1½ miles behind came a vessel of approximately the same length, 2 funnels, and one mast. This vessel carried white <sup>lights</sup> [redacted] with a red one placed directly above.

[redacted] a naval vessel was seen in a position 59 degrees, 21 minutes, 40 seconds North by 23 degrees, 05 minutes, 10 seconds East. The vessel was steering a course of 078 degrees, true bearing, and had a speed of 26 knots.

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Description:

Length about 530 feet, 2 funnels and 2 masts, 2 radar antennae in the foremast and one in the after mast.

Three miles aft of this ship another naval vessel was seen, which maintained the same course and speed. There were 3 radar direction finders in the mast.

2. ICEBREAKERS:



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icebreakers are under construction in the naval shipyard in LENIN-GRAD; each <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ equipped with a 40,000 horsepower engine.

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Attachment # 6

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Time:

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1. NAVY:

5 submarines

passed upbound on the MOYSSKOY Canal.

Four of the submarines seemed to be alike.

Description:

On the forward side of the conning tower, there was a step about half way up the tower. From this step, one or, possibly, 2 gunbarrels protruded. There was an object on the top of the tower. The ~~latter~~ <sup>down</sup> was raked ~~down~~ toward the after deck.

The 5th submarine was smaller.

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submarines

passed out of the

Canal.

a large naval vessel

passed and ~~anchored~~ <sup>ed</sup> anchor west of KRONSTAD.

Description:

about 12,000 tons, long forward deck with "several guns". Directly ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> the bridge superstructure, there was a rise in the deckline. Farther aft, there was a break to a lower afterdeck. The vessel had 2 funnels and 2 masts placed directly forward of the funnels. On the after mast, there was a lot of radar equipment and antennae.

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[redacted]

When [redacted] ship was in the approximate position: 60 degrees, 02 minutes North, by 28 degrees, 58 minutes East, No. 20 ~~overtake~~ it, proceeding on a westerly course at an estimated speed of 20 knots. The vessel was escorted by 3 MTBs, one on each side and one abaft. The force <sup>soon</sup> disappeared in a westerly direction.

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[redacted] there is greater traffic of naval vessels in the harbor than [redacted] reported. [redacted]

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[redacted] 4  
vessels proceeded up the Canal. Three of these vessels were alike, with practically the same appearance [redacted] while the 4th was somewhat longer, with the same main characteristics.

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Area: Leningrad.

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1. NAVY:

[redacted] a naval vessel was observed in a position about 2 nautical miles south of Leningrad Lightship. Bearing: 090 degrees; speed: 16 knots.

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Description: [redacted] length about 600 feet; 2 funnels; and 2 masts.

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Five MTB's followed in the wake of this vessel. All these vessel were equipped with radar [redacted]

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Simultaneously, 2 other vessels were sailing on a westerly course farther south. The vessels were about 220 feet in length.

[redacted] the following vessels were seen at Kronstadt:

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[redacted] Old; about 3,000 tons deadweight; stern loader; presumably a supply ship; painted black; portholes on three different levels on the side of the vessel.

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[redacted] A supply ship of about 800 tons dead weight.  
[redacted] A converted cargo ship, about 1,600 tons dead weight; superstructure amidships; painted gray, engines aft.

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[redacted] Naval vessel, moored alongside another vessel of the same type.

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One large and <sup>one</sup> somewhat smaller naval vessel were lying moored side by side in the big floating dock.

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Attachment # 8

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1. NAVY.

[redacted] a submarine passed Leningrad

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Lightship, outbound.

Description: [redacted] The conning tower had a step

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~~indicated~~ in the forward side, and 2 or perhaps 3 steps in the after side. [redacted]

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At the after edge of the tower, stood a tube with a sizable enlargement at the top. See sketch No 1 [redacted]

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[redacted] a naval vessel was lying at MATI SHIPYARD.

Description: [redacted] 2 gunmounts on the forecastle,

the number of barrels could not be seen; bridge; tower with a short mast with radar; break from the forecastle to the main deck; funnel; boat on the deck; funnel; 2 gunmounts; transom stern with anchor at the hawsehole. See sketch No 2.

[redacted] a large hull was lying alongside the quay at the BALTIC SHIPYARD. See sketch No 3.

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Description: The hull had a long forecastle with a sharp sheer toward the bow. Forward of amidships stood a cylindrical tower with long, oval openings at 3 different heights. On the fore-castle and on the afterdeck, some deckhouses had been built. At the after edge of the fore-castle, there lay 2 cylinders which Source took for oil tanks of 10,000 - 15,000-liter capacity. A ferry or a repair ship was lying alongside the hull. No activity was to be seen on board; it looked quite "dead". A sketch of the hull and details is shown on sketch No 4 and 5; [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted] a tugboat was seen  
towing 4 naval vessels past the Customs Quay, out of MORSKOY CANAL.

Description: The vessels were alike. Low bridge superstructure on the foredeck, break from the forecastle to the deck approximately amidships; 2 guns in shields or turrets on the afterdeck.

Other details could not be observed because of darkness. Sketch [redacted]

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[redacted] No 5] shows the stern of the vessels.

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[redacted] an "auxiliary vessel"  
was lying at KRONSTAD. [redacted] See sketch [redacted]

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[redacted] No 6]. Alongside of this vessel lay a small vessel, [redacted]

[redacted] No details could be discerned. On the same occasion,  
8 submarines, of which 3 were smaller than the rest, were seen  
at KRONSTAD. No description.

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A large naval vessel was lying in the big floating dock at  
KRONSTAD. The vessel was partially concealed by the dock. Those  
details which could be seen are shown in sketch [redacted] No 7].

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At about 0945 hours GMT on 17 November, a naval vessel put  
out from KRONSTAD on a westerly course toward Leningrad Lightship.

Description: [redacted] Flush decks; 2 guns  
on the forward deck; bridge superstructure; mast; raked funnel;  
long afterdeck. See sketch [redacted] No 8].

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## 2. THE HARBOR:

Some dredging work was going on between GREBNOY and the  
BALTIC SHIPYARD. [redacted] a basin was to be  
formed, which would be about 100 meters wide and deep enough to  
allow the large vessels which frequented the harbor to turn around  
in this basin. Present shoals and the projected dredging <sup>are</sup> shown  
in sketch [redacted] No 9].

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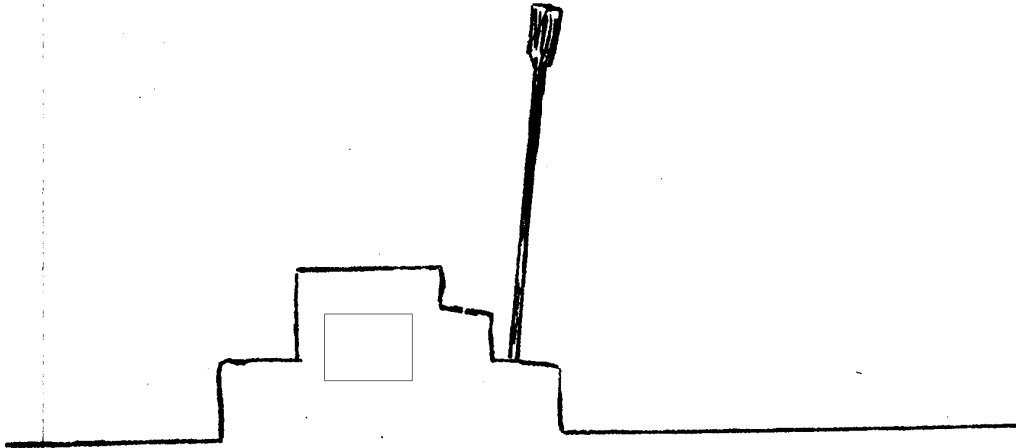
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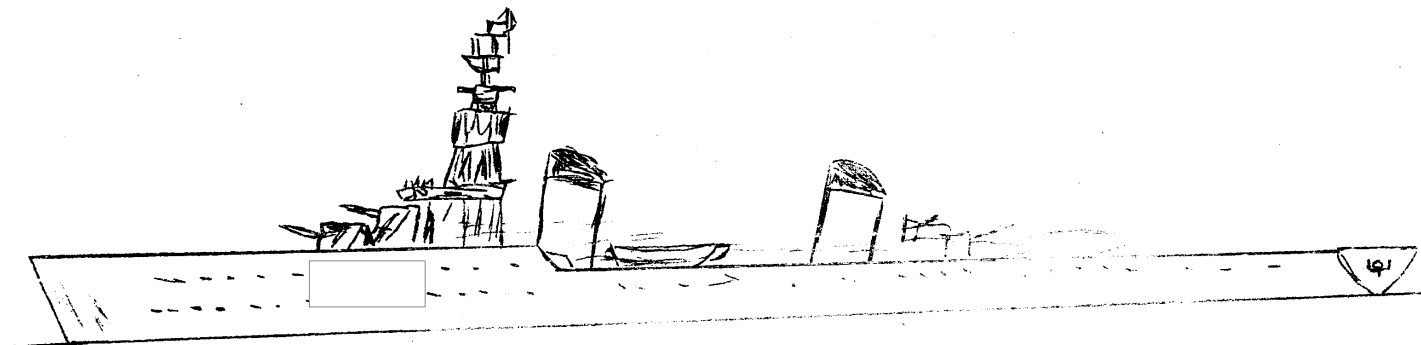


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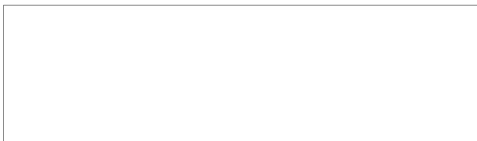
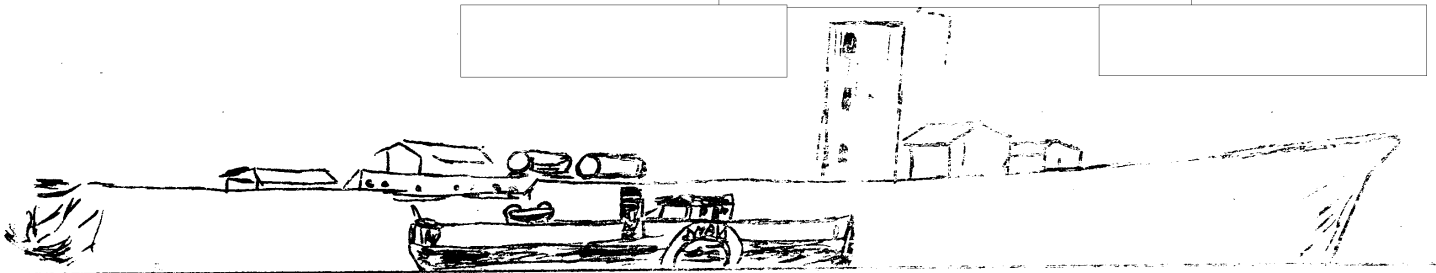
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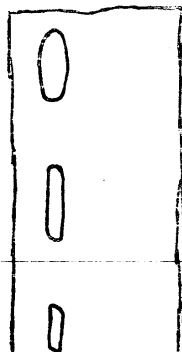
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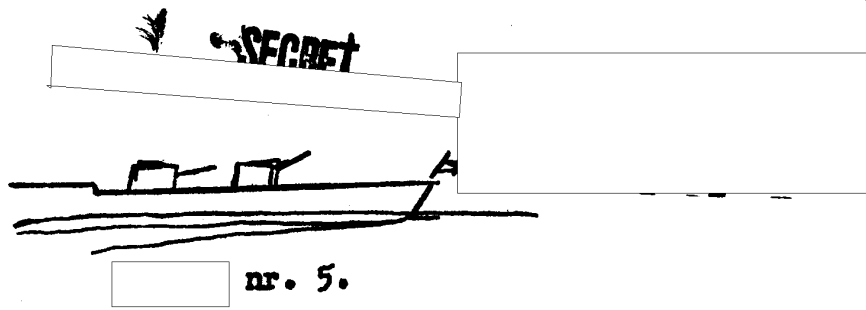
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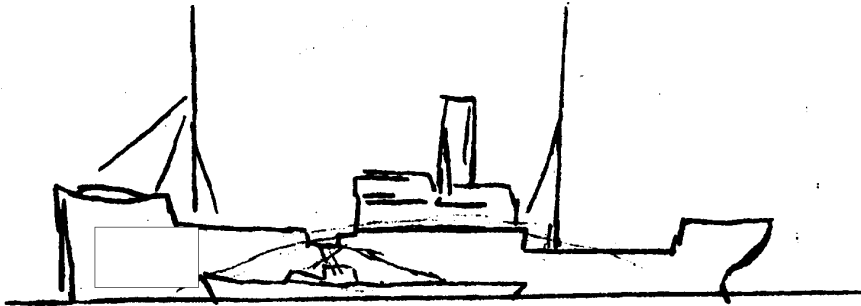
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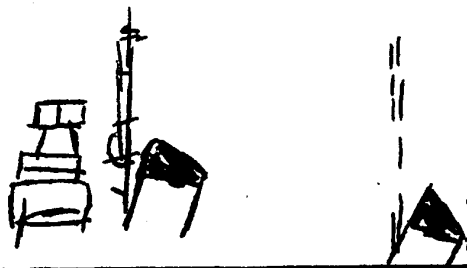


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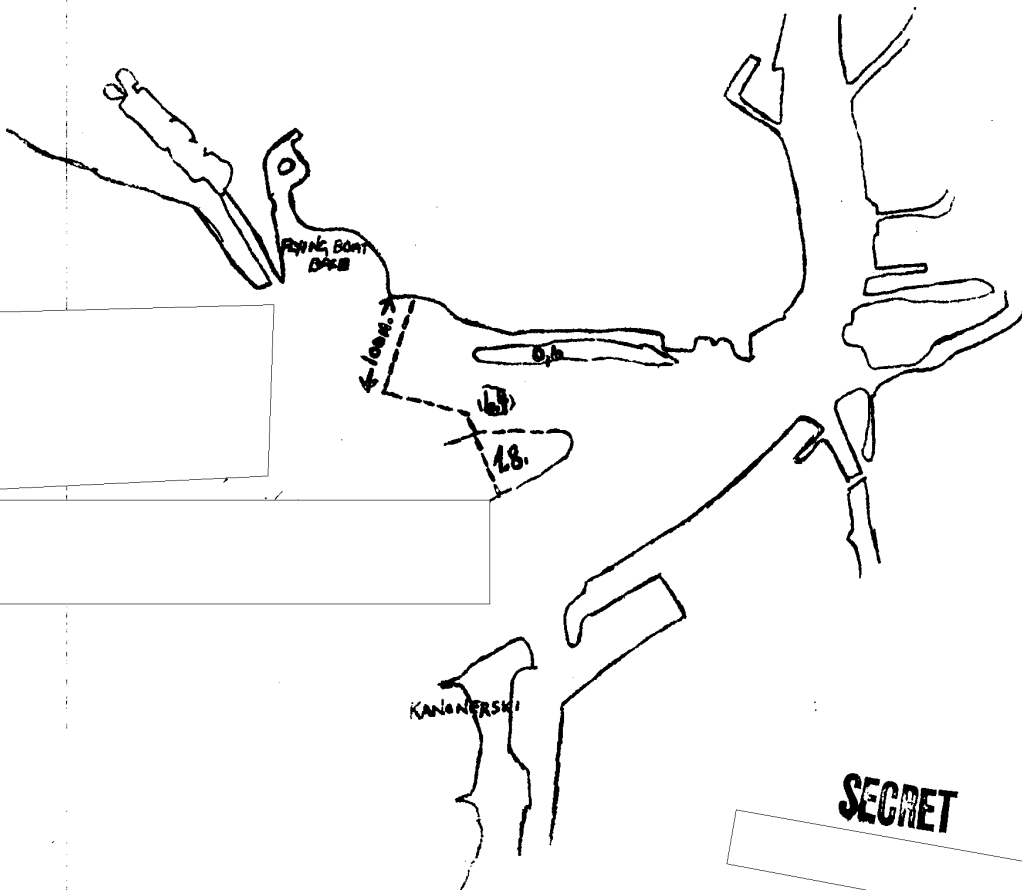
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